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1. Former Governor Teixeira issued on 5 May 1946 a decree (Diploma Legislativo No. 933) that the existing opium dens whose operation had until that date been allowed by the Macao Government must close down and that the smoking and the trading of opium except for medicinal purposes were forbidden. The reason for this action was probably pressure made by the Kuomintang. Since about ten percent of the income was derived from opium, the government treasury has received quite a blow. The Government's income in 1945 from opium amounted to Macao \$900,000.00, ten percent of the total income for that year. The expected income in 1946 was Macao \$840,000.00.
2. On 15 August of this year the Macao Government publicly demonstrated its intention to stamp out opium smoking. Large quantities of seized opium with much equipment used in the cooking of raw opium were heaped up on the Recreation Ground at the Rua de Praia Grande and burned in the presence of the anti-opium committee, comprised of Commissioner of Police, Captain Salgado, Colonial Treasurer, Simoes de Abreu, and Interpreter of the Civil Affairs Bureau, Jose Lopes. Captain Salgado stressed the sincerity on the part of the Portuguese Government in eradicating opium smoking while announcing severe penalties for transgressors.
3. The second official incineration of Government-seized opium and heroin smoking equipment occurred on 25 September 1946 in the presence of Captain Salgado. The police apparently are carrying out daily raids on opium dens; however, an evil so long rampant in the colony cannot be eradicated in a matter of weeks. During the third week of October the following Chinese addicts were arrested: CHOI I-long, 151 Bairro Tamaginni, FONG Veng, 42 Travessa dos Alfaiates, VONG Kwai-chan, Travessa da Caldeira. They were hauled into court and sentenced to fines of Macao \$10,000.00, \$400.00, and \$1,000.00 respectively, or in case of non-payment, to thirty days' imprisonment and expulsion from the colony. \$10,000 is the maximum fine which may be imposed on any opium addict or on any one guilty of breaking the law regarding this evil.

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